

## **OUR MISSION - OUR VISION**

Transforming lives through relationship with God and one another  
Wesley-Knox - a vibrant Christian community striving to live gratefully,  
deepen faith and reach out to God's world

**SUNDAY JULY 30, 2017**

Guest Preacher:  
Soprano:

Barb McGill  
Marilynne McNeil

## **VOLUNTARY**

### **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

## **WORDS OF WELCOME LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

*(The \* is an invitation to rise in body or in spirit)*

## **PRELUDE:**

\* **HYMN:** 391 "God, Reveal Your Presence"

## **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God of Life,

**All: *you are as near to us as our breath.***

One: Touch our eyes,

**All: *that we may see you in one another.***

One: Open our ears,

**All: *that we may hear your voice in the "other."***

One: Enter our hearts,

**All: *that we may be filled with your love toward all.***

One: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**All: *Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us  
the courage to be people of your Way.***

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (vs. 1,2)

## **LEARNING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 371 (vs. 3)

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***When we gather in the presence of God  
we have the opportunity to see ourselves  
as God sees us.***

***We can see how our faults and failures  
have broken right relationship  
with others, with God and with our best selves.***

***Let us offer those areas of our lives  
that are in need of healing and forgiveness.***

***Let us come in confession.***

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## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SOLO:** My Source of Joy!

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**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 18:9-14

One: For the Word of God in scripture, among us and within us.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

## **MESSAGE:**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

\* **HYMN:** 402 "We Are One"

## **PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\* **OFFERTORY RESPONSE AND PRAYER:** 539

***God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
that our whole life is offered to your will.***

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

\* **HYMN:** 603 "In Loving Partnership We Come"

\* **COMMISSIONING & RESPONSE: #298**

*When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.*

## POSTLUDE:

**Welcome Visitors:** We welcome those of you who are visiting with us today and invite you to sign our guest books located on the back tables. If you wish office attention, please sign one of the Pew Cards and place it on the offering plate. After the service, please join us downstairs in the Social Hall for coffee, served by .

**There are activity packs** for children who wish to colour during the service. Please return the packs to the table after the service, Thank you!

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**Pick up for grades JK-5 is at 11:45 am in the**

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**GENERAL**

***In your personal prayers this week***, please pray for all those who will be participating in the Pride Parade today. Pray that opportunities for bridges to be built might lead to a more inclusive and just world for all of God's people.

***Rev. Tracy will be*** out of the office from Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Heather in the church office and she will help to connect you with a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

***A reminder:*** Summer Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 8:30 to 11:30. If you plan to come to the church after 11:30, please remember your keys.

***Wesley-Knox Men*** will meet for breakfast on Sunday, August 6 at the Family Circle restaurant at 8:30 a.m. All men are invited to join us. Please bring a friend, if you wish.

***Our Wesley-Knox Summer Day Camps*** are finished for the season. A huge thanks to our summer students and counselors who planned and lead 3 excellent camps and welcomed just over 70 children!

***Thank you to all of you*** who supported us through your prayers and through an abundance of delicious and healthy snacks!

***Epilepsy Ontario Information Session***  
Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 -11:00 a.m. in the Parlour. Contact Barb for more information.

***Summer Worship for Children and Youth:***  
Our Nursery and Children's Worship (grades JK-5) are open and staffed all summer long! Grade 6 and up are invited to attend the worship service or to volunteer in our Children's Worship classes and Nursery. For more information please contact Barb at [mcgill4556@gmail.com](mailto:mcgill4556@gmail.com).

**Social Hall. For Nursery (0-3) please pick up your child from the nursery after the service.**

***Governance Transition Team:***

The transition team are the people tasked with educating us and moving us forward in the new proposed Governance structure. Copies of the Governance can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. For more information contact:

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***Hello everyone***

As you have probably heard by now, Barb McGill is stepping down from her roles as Child and Youth Ministry Coordinator and her role in the children's music program as part of her journey toward Ministry. Thankfully, she and her family will remain members of our community of faith.

Barb has had an enormous impact on the lives of families, children and youth at Wesley-Knox and we want to celebrate her accomplishments and wish her well on these next steps of her journey.

On Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will host a special celebration during worship for Barb where we'll share laughs, stories and of course have cake!

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Barb, there will be special envelopes available at the back table starting in August and September or you could speak with Heather in the office during the week.

Please mark the envelope "Gift for Barb" and put your envelope number on the outside of the gift envelope.

We are busy planning for new staff to take on these roles and look forward to the gifts that these individuals will share with our community in the near future. Thank you.

Cathy Grasby Chair, Wesley-Knox Official Board  
Trevor Johnson Chair, Wesley-Knox Ministry and Personnel Committee

***Events in Worship***

August 6      Karlene Kimber, preaching  
                  Kevin White, singer songwriter

August 13     Barb McGill, preaching

August 20     Celebration of Communion  
                  Margaret Ryan, soloist

August 27     Max Bridgen, tenor  
                  Kim Benke, clarinet

September 3   Kim Eyre, flute